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Application No.: 10/015,804)	Examiner: KARLA A MOORE
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For: SUBSTRATE PROCESSING DEVICE)	
AND THROUGH-CHAMBER)	

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

On page 2 of the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner sets forth a Statement of Reasons for Allowance. However, the language recited by the Examiner closely tracks the language of claim 1. It does not appear to relate to the language set forth in independent claims 6 and 11.

In addition, the Examiner states that "the prior art of record does teach or fairly suggest the majority of the claimed invention". Applicants dispute this statement at least for the reasons set forth in the Response filed on March 30, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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